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Remarks

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 1, 3 and 4 are allowed. Applicants have herewith amended claims 3 and 4 to properly depend from claim 1.

With respect to the rejection of claims 14-16 under 35 USC § 112 as being indefinite for being dependent upon canceled claim 12, Applicants have herewith canceled claims 13 and 14. Applicants have added new claim 18, which combines the limitations of original claims 12 and 14. Applicants believe this amendment complies with the Examiner's suggestion in the Office Action dated April 4, 2008, to amend claims 14-16 (which were examined, but not rejected based on prior art) to specify that the peptides "consist of" the recited amino acid sequences. Applicants therefore respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of claims 15 and 16 and allow these claims, along with claims 1, 3, 4 and 18.

Conclusion

Based on the arguments and amendments presented herein, Applicants believe all the pending claims non-withdrawn claims are now in condition for allowance and respectfully request the Examiner to allow all the claims. It is believed no fees are due with this response. If that is incorrect, and fees due may be charged to deposit account number 08-2442.

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